

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the subject application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of the filing fees. Applicant also respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the foregoing amended claims and the remarks provided in Applicants' Response to Final Office Action dated December 30, 2002 in the parent application (copy enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience).

Claims 1-3 were canceled in the instant amendment.

Claim 4 was amended to only address the Examiner's non-art based rejections that had been raised in the Final Office Action of the parent application. Basically, claim 4 is amended herein so as to comport with the language of claim 4 as presented in Applicant's Response to Final Office Action dated December 30, 2002. The amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed disclosure.

The specification was amended to add cross-noting to the parent application and the Abstract was amended so that the Abstract is now less than 150 words.

The drawing figures were amended to add a prior art legend as had been done during prosecution of the subject parent application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or

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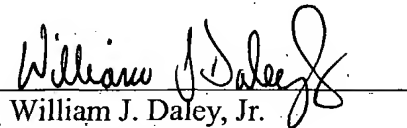
credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,
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